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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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THE  
ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
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FOR THE YEAR  
1959

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## TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE UCKFIELD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for 1959 prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health circular 1/60.

### **Infectious Diseases**

During the year 1,153 cases of infectious disease were notified, the highest figure since 1953, when 1,641 cases were recorded.

Measles, which reached epidemic proportions in November 1958, continued unabated until July, and 1,060 cases were notified during the year.

Notifications of tuberculosis continue to decrease and the total of thirteen is the lowest reported in any year.

For the fourteenth year in succession no case of diphtheria was reported, and in the whole of England and Wales no deaths were recorded during the year.

### **Vital Statistics**

The Infant Mortality Rate of 9.71 per 1,000 live births is the lowest recorded, and compares with 22.2 for England and Wales, also a new low level.

### **Food Hygiene**

During the year 440 visits were made to food premises and the improvements which have been carried out are recorded elsewhere in this report. In most cases the standard of hygiene was satisfactory, although there are still the small minority of greengrocers who occasionally display food outside their premises without protection and who find it difficult to understand why this practice is condoned in other areas.

The majority, who discontinued years ago this unhygienic practice, say that habits of cleanliness are noticed and appreciated by their customers, and that they would not wish to return to outmoded forms of salesmanship.

If indeed the customer is stimulated by the display of food in the street, open to contamination by germ laden dust and the hands and secretions of the careless, any small increase in sales must be offset by the labour involved in carrying goods out from and into the shop.

There are no street traders in the district.

The large poultry packing station in the district continued its expansion, the output being about 14,000 birds per day, packed ready for the oven, and inspections were made periodically to see that the Food Hygiene Regulations were complied with.

### **Council Housing**

The following information is given by the Housing Manager, Miss E. M. Maddox, B.Sc., F.S.H.M.

### **Applications for Housing**

The total number of applications on the waiting list for housing remained fairly constant during the year — averaging 700.

**New Council Houses**

Eighteen new houses were occupied during the year. The Council's Housing Programme provided for a higher proportion of new houses for the waiting list than in preceding years. Twelve houses were let to applicants and six to occupants of unfit houses.

**Vacancies in Council Houses**

The number of vacancies in existing Council houses was 45. These vacancies occurred in various parishes, but were mainly in Crowborough, Uckfield and Wadhurst.

Tenants gave up their houses and moved elsewhere, as shown in the following table :—

Emigrated to the Dominions	...	...	...	2
Moved to other districts	...	...	...	16
Moved to tied cottages	...	...	...	3
Bought their own house in the district	...	...	...	13
Moved to rented accommodation	...	...	...	5
Total	...	...	...	39

The remaining six vacancies were due to the decease of the tenant.

**Improvements to Pre-War Council Houses**

The provision of a hot water supply and renewal of out-of-date fittings was carried out during the year in 67 pre-war houses.

I am, Mr. Chairman, My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN PETRIE,

*Medical Officer of Health.*

**Slum Clearance Programme**

The following table shows progress made in the five year programme, from January, 1956.

(a)	Number of houses in programme	...	...	200
(b)	Number dealt with under Housing Acts	...	...	186 (38 vacant)
	Number closed	...	...	66
	Number demolished	...	...	17
	Number made fit, Undertaking determined	...	...	44
(c)	Number of families rehoused	...	...	89
	Number rehoused by Council...	...	...	64
(d)	Number remaining to be rehoused	...	...	59
	Number willing to be rehoused	...	...	30

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TABLE I

## VITAL AND SOCIAL STATISTICS

Area of the District	...	...	...	...	...	112,096 acres
Population (Registrar General's estimate)	...	...	...	...	...	43,670
Density of Population per acre	...	...	...	...	...	0.39
Number of inhabited dwellings (at 31/3/60)	...	...	...	...	...	14,129
Rateable Value (at 1/4/60)	...	...	...	...	...	£604,102
Sum represented by the penny rate (at 31/3/60)	...	...	...	...	...	£2,401

## Births and Deaths.

Birth Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	14.15	} Per 1,000 Population
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	17.12	
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	16.50	
Death Rate (crude)	...	...	...	...	14.10	}
„ „ (modified)	...	...	...	...	11.00	
„ „ (England and Wales)	...	...	...	...	11.60	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births	...	...	...	...	...	9.71

## Live Births.

						<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	301	297	598
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	6	14	20
Total live births	...	...	...	...	...	<u>307</u>	<u>311</u>	<u>618</u>

## Infant Deaths and Still Births.

Deaths under 1 year of age	...	...	...	...	...	4	2	6
„ „ 4 weeks „ „	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Still Births	...	...	...	...	...	6	7	13

## Causes of Death.

						<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	...	...	...	...	...	4	—	4
Tuberculosis (other)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	...	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	—	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	8	5	13
Malignant neoplasm, lung and bronchus	...	...	...	...	...	19	2	21
Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	10	10
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	...	—	7	7
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	...	...	...	...	...	35	31	66
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	3



TABLE 1 (continued)

						<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	4
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	49	43	92
Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	44	31	75
Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	8	5	13
Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	43	48	91
Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	16	22	38
Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	3	7	10
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	19	11	30
Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	16	5	21
Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	5	3	8
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	1	5	6
Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	1	3	4
Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Pregnancy, childbirth and abortion	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	6	1	7
Other defined and ill defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	22	23	45
Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	9	3	12
All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	7	16	23
Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	6
Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Total deaths	...	...	...	...	...	323	293	616

TABLE II

TABLE SHOWING VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1944-1959

Year	Estimated Population	Number of Births							Crude Birth Rate	Number of Deaths			Crude Death Rate	Infants' Deaths			Infant Death Rate	Natural Increase of Births over Deaths
		Legitimate			Illegitimate					M.	F.	Total		M.	F.	Total		
		M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total											
1944	37,200	309	269	578	74	62	136	19.19	247	278	525	14.11	13	8	21	29.41	189	
1945	36,830	230	216	446	67	59	126	15.53	255	277	532	14.44	12	7	19	33.21	40	
1946	39,270	345	314	659	33	35	68	18.51	245	264	509	12.96	13	6	19	26.13	218	
1947	40,190	327	318	645	28	21	49	17.27	263	282	545	13.56	19	9	28	40.35	149	
1948	40,900	325	286	611	14	15	29	15.65	247	255	502	12.27	7	3	10	15.63	138	
1949	41,370	281	264	545	14	14	28	13.85	252	273	525	12.69	8	8	16	27.92	48	
1950	42,230	271	274	545	17	13	30	13.61	260	279	539	12.76	5	8	13	22.60	36	
1951	43,750	282	272	554	13	9	22	13.16	264	306	570	13.02	5	11	16	27.60	6	
1952	43,260	274	245	519	16	10	26	12.59	296	306	602	13.91	9	8	17	31.19	—	
1953	43,600	241	260	501	12	12	24	12.05	245	257	502	11.51	7	5	12	22.86	23	
1954	43,940	267	262	529	16	10	26	12.63	256	300	556	12.65	4	5	9	16.21	—	
1955	44,000	255	245	500	14	13	27	11.97	250	311	561	12.75	8	8	16	32.00	—	
1956	43,500	272	236	508	7	12	19	12.11	291	284	575	13.22	8	5	13	24.67	—	
1957	43,380	289	255	544	7	6	13	12.84	264	250	514	11.85	7	3	10	17.95	43	
1958	43,300	262	238	500	14	6	20	12.01	295	296	591	13.65	2	4	6	11.54	—	
1959	43,670	301	297	598	6	14	20	14.15	323	293	616	14.10	4	2	6	9.71	2	

TABLE III

PARISH	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
BUXTED	2,064	2,066	2,379	2,435	2,435	2,437	2,454	2,461	2,449	2,444	2,479
CROWBOROUGH	6,577	6,585	7,375	7,423	7,588	7,667	7,638	7,562	7,324	7,322	7,396
DANEHILL	1,244	1,245	1,290	1,282	1,282	1,268	1,262	1,261	1,237	1,239	1,236
FLETCHING	1,094	1,095	1,062	1,051	1,004	992	1,011	993	1,003	995	983
FOREST ROW	3,225	3,231	3,356	3,340	3,267	3,330	3,384	3,327	3,360	3,407	3,554
FRAMFIELD	1,799	1,801	1,942	1,946	1,934	1,952	1,913	1,882	1,848	1,860	1,858
FRANT	1,731	1,733	1,515	1,520	1,536	1,525	1,497	1,519	1,538	1,547	1,518
HADLOW DOWN	984	985	860	829	811	828	843	860	832	822	810
HARTFIELD	2,186	2,188	2,128	2,131	2,077	2,095	2,060	2,044	2,038	2,024	2,034
ISFIELD	511	512	556	545	554	551	560	525	513	505	488
LITTLE HORSTED	253	254	225	218	214	222	213	213	202	195	195
MARESFIELD	2,491	2,495	2,853	2,890	2,920	2,965	2,982	2,990	3,015	2,990	3,072
MAYFIELD	3,323	3,327	3,488	3,495	3,544	3,604	3,606	3,525	3,509	3,489	3,505
ROTHERFIELD	3,044	3,047	2,992	2,990	2,930	2,975	2,933	2,847	2,851	2,824	2,800
UCKFIELD	3,836	3,840	3,862	3,918	4,302	4,252	4,341	4,286	4,410	4,398	4,457
WADHURST	4,069	4,074	4,178	4,165	4,143	4,191	4,180	4,136	4,141	4,102	4,132
WITHYHAM	2,939	2,942	3,071	3,082	3,059	3,086	3,123	3,069	3,110	3,137	3,153
† TOTALS	41,370	42,230	*43,132	43,260	43,600	43,940	44,000	43,500	43,380	43,300	43,670

† Totals, except 1951, are annual estimates of population supplied by the Registrar General. \* CENSUS 1951.  
Population of each parish calculated as follows:—

$$\frac{\text{Registrar General's estimate of population for the District}}{\text{Number of occupied dwellings in the District}} \times \text{Number of occupied dwellings in each parish.}$$



TABLE IV

1959  
NOTIFIED CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5—9 years	10—14 years	15—24 years	25 years and over	Age un- known	Total	Admitted to hospital
SCARLET FEVER ... ..	—	1	—	1	—	19	2	—	—	—	23	—
WHOOPING COUGH ... ..	1	—	4	3	2	4	1	1	—	—	16	—
MEASLES ... ..	10	32	77	73	106	540	181	27	13	1	1,060	1
OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM ...	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—
	Under 5 years	5—14 years	15—44 years	45—64 years	65 years and over	Age un- known						
PNEUMONIA ... ..	—	—	5	12	6	—					23	6
*FOOD POISONING ... ..	—	—	—	—	1	—					1	—
PUERPERAL PYREXIA ... ..	ALL AGES										15	7

\* Analysis of Food Poisoning Notification.  
Causative agent—SALMONELLA TYPHIMURIUM



TABLE V

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Distribution of diseases in the parishes, 1959

PARISH	DISEASE							Totals
	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Food Poisoning	Puerperal Pyrexia	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	
BUXTED ... ..	—	4	67	2	—	2	—	75
CROWBOROUGH ...	1	2	127	9	—	7	2	148
DANEHILL ... ..	—	—	34	—	—	—	—	34
FLETCHING ... ..	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	7
FOREST ROW ... ..	5	2	132	—	—	1	—	140
FRAMFIELD ... ..	5	—	37	2	—	—	—	44
FRANT ... ..	—	—	6	2	—	—	—	8
HADLOW DOWN ...	—	—	32	1	—	—	—	33
HARTFIELD ... ..	—	1	31	2	—	1	—	35
ISFIELD ... ..	—	1	15	—	—	—	—	16
LITTLE HORSTED ...	—	—	13	—	—	—	—	13
MARESFIELD ... ..	—	—	20	—	—	1	—	21
MAYFIELD ... ..	—	4	120	1	—	—	—	125
ROTHERFIELD ... ..	1	—	134	4	—	1	—	140
UCKFIELD ... ..	—	—	187	—	1	—	—	188
WADHURST ... ..	—	—	21	—	—	—	—	21
WITHYHAM ... ..	11	2	77	—	—	2	—	92
TOTALS ... ..	23	16	1,060	23	1	15	2	1,140

TABLE VI

## TUBERCULOSIS

New cases and mortality during 1959

AGE GROUPS.				NEW CASES.				DEATHS.			
				Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
				M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 — 4	...	...	...	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
5 —14	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 —24	...	...	...	3	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 —34	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
35 —44	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 —54	...	...	...	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
55 —64	...	...	...	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
65 and over	...	...	...	1	—	—	—	3	—	—	—
Age unknown	...	...	...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTALS	...	...	...	8	3	1	1	4	—	—	—

TABLE SHOWING TUBERCULOSIS STATISTICS FOR THE YEARS 1942-1959

TABLE VII

YEAR.	NEW CASES				DEATHS				
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total. (All Types).
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
1942	12	16	10	3	3	5	6	—	14
1943	20	12	8	6	4	4	—	2	10
1944	10	16	2	5	8	4	2	—	14
1945	14	20	1	4	12	9	—	1	22
1946	14	11	15	4	3	4	1	—	8
1947	10	10	5	5	7	7	3	1	18
1948	19	8	2	5	9	5	—	—	14
1949	21	15	4	6	3	4	—	—	7
1950	20	19	6	9	2	—	1	—	3
1951	22	19	3	6	4	4	1	—	9
1952	25	21	5	4	5	3	2	—	10
1953	27	17	—	2	2	1	—	1	4
1954	27	18	2	3	2	—	—	—	2
1955	5	8	1	3	2	2	—	—	4
1956	4	6	4	2	—	3	1	—	4
1957	10	5	3	2	—	—	—	—	—
1958	13	4	1	—	1	—	—	—	1
1959	8	3	1	1	4	—	—	—	4

TABLE VIII

MASS RADIOGRAPHY  
ANALYSIS OF RESULTS OF SURVEY, 1959

	FOREST ROW PARISH		BUXTED CHICKEN FARMS, LTD.		<i>Grand Total</i>
	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female Total</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female Total</i>	
No. of persons X-Rayed ...	122	176	71	48	417
Analysis of abnormal large films :—					
(a) Tuberculosis requiring treatment or close clinical supervision ...	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Tuberculosis requiring occasional clinical supervision ...	—	1	—	—	1
(c) Malignant disease ...	—	—	1	—	1
(d) Cardio-Vascular diseases ...	—	1	—	—	1



TABLE IX

## VACCINATION AND DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

**Vaccination.**

The following vaccinations or re-vaccinations were carried out at clinics or reported by medical practitioners during the year.

<i>Age</i>	<i>Vaccinations</i>	<i>Re-vaccinations</i>
Under 1 year ...	374	2
1 year ... ..	20	—
2-4 years ...	14	11
5-14 years ...	14	55
15 years and over	16	226
Totals ...	438	294

**Diphtheria Immunisation.**

The Annual Return for the Rural District of Uckfield, showing separate figures for children immunised during the last five years and for children immunised more than five years ago, is given below.

Age on 31.12.59 (i.e. born in year)	Under 1 1959	1-4 1955- 1958	5-9 1950- 1954	10-14 1945- 1949	Under 15 Total
(a) Number of children whose last course (primary or booster) was completed in the period 1955-1959	242	1915	1675	905	4737
(b) Number of children whose last course (primary or booster) was completed in the period 1954 or earlier	—	—	1355	1751	3106

TABLE X

## AMBULANCES, CLINICS AND LABORATORY SERVICE

Infant Welfare Centres, Weighing Centres and Ante-Natal Clinics in  
the Uckfield Rural District

<i>Name of Centre.</i>	<i>When held.</i>
<b>BUXTED.</b>	
Reading Room, Buxted (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Tuesday in each month.
<b>CROWBOROUGH.</b>	
St. Richard's Church Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Tuesday in each month.
Wesleyan Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.
<b>CROWBOROUGH, ST. JOHN'S.</b>	
Women's Institute Hall (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Thursday in each month.
<b>DANEHILL.</b>	
Memorial Hall, Danehill	... 2nd Tuesday in each month.
<b>FAIRWARP.</b>	
Village Hall, Fairwarp. (Weighing Centre only)	... 1st Wednesday in each month.
<b>FOREST ROW.</b>	
Village Hall. ... ..	... 1st Thursday in each month.
<b>FRAMFIELD.</b>	
Church Hall ... ..	... 2nd Thursday in each month.
<b>FRANT.</b>	
Village Hall ... ..	... 2nd and 4th Fridays in each month.
<b>GROOMBRIDGE.</b>	
The Hut ... ..	... 4th Monday in each month.
<b>HARTFIELD AND WITHYHAM.</b>	
King's Hall, Withyham	... 1st Friday in each month.
<b>MARESFIELD.</b>	
Military Camp ... ..	... 2nd Wednesday in each month.
<b>MAYFIELD.</b>	
Village Hall ... ..	... 1st Friday in each month.
<b>ROTHERFIELD.</b>	
British Legion Hut (Weighing Centre only)	... 3rd Friday in each month.
<b>UCKFIELD.</b>	
County Clinic ... ..	... 1st Tuesday in each month.
(Ante-Natal) ... ..	... 4th Thursday in each month. (Dr. W. R. E. Harrison).
<b>WADHURST.</b>	
Commemoration Hall, High Street.	2nd and 4th Tuesdays in each month.

**Laboratory Facilities.**

The arrangements which were made for the examination of specimens taken for the diagnosis and control of infectious diseases, with the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton (telephone number Brighton 63506), continued throughout the year and proved to be very satisfactory.

**TABLE X** (*continued*)

Medical practitioners send specimens direct to the Laboratory and receive a report by telephone, a written copy of the report being sent to this office.

Specimens may be sent to reach the laboratory any time up to 4.30 p.m. from Mondays to Fridays and before 12.30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Urgent examinations may be carried out at other times by arrangement with the Director, Doctor Jameson (telephone number Brighton 56960).

### **Ambulance Services.**

The County Council, under the provisions of the National Health Service Act, 1946, has the duty to ensure that ambulances are available where necessary to convey persons suffering from illness from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

In East Sussex this is being done mainly by arrangement with the St. John Ambulance Brigade, the British Red Cross Society, and other voluntary organizations.

A day and night ambulance service is available and calls are accepted from doctors, nurses, midwives and hospitals in the area. Only in cases of accidents or other sudden emergencies are calls accepted directly from members of the public.

Ambulance stations serving parishes in the Uckfield Rural District are as follows :—

<i>Parishes Served</i>	<i>Ambulance Station</i>	<i>Telephone Number</i>	<i>No. of Ambulances</i>
Buxted (North Part) Crowborough Mayfield Rotherfield Withyham	Caffyns Garage, Beacon Road, Crowborough.	Crowborough 1234  Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.  Saturday 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.  At all other times Crowborough 882	2
Forest Row Hartfield	Phillips Garage, East Grinstead.	East Grinstead 488	2
Frant Wadhurst	Monson Road, Tunbridge Wells.	Tunbridge Wells 2840	8
Buxted (South Part) Danehill Fletching Framfield Hadlow Down Isfield Little Horsted Maresfield Uckfield	Caffyns Garage, Uckfield.	Uckfield 282	1



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES AND SUPERVISION

No. of inspections made under the Housing and Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,106
" " " " " Rent Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
" " " " National Assistance Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
No. of premises other than houses visited under the Public Health Acts								397
Visits to factories (with power 66, without power 3)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	69
" " outworkers' premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Inspections made of dairies and milk shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	117
Visits to bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
" " butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	44
" " knackers' yards	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
" " fish frying premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
" " food premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	255
" " ice-cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
" " licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	109
" " shops (under Section 38, Shops Act, 1950)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	39
" " hop-pickers' lodgings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Visits in connection with tents, vans and sheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
" " " infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
" " " water supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	67
" " " rats and mice destruction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,172
" " " schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	268
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	75
No. of drain tests carried out	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	177
" " water samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	53
" " milk samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
" " ice-cream samples taken	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
" " premises disinfected and disinfecting	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	38
" " preliminary notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	207
" " " complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	124
" " statutory notices served	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
" " " complied with	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14



## ABLE XII

### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following statistics show inspections and work done by the Rodent Operators between the 1st of April, 1959 and the 31st December, 1959.

					<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>
No. of complaints received ...	...	...	...	...	195	79
No. of premises infested ...	...	...	...	...	166	76
No. of infestations found as a result of routine enquiry					59	—
No. of premises treated by the occupier ...	...	...	...		46	1
No. of dwellings disinfested :						
(a) Dwellinghouses ...	...	...	...	...	91	59
(b) Council properties (Sewage disposal works and refuse tips) ...	...	...	...	...	28	—
(c) Business premises (other than food premises) ...					6	6
(d) Food premises ...	...	...	...	...	1	4
(e) Agricultural premises ...	...	...	...	...	20	9
(f) Schools ...	...	...	...	...	4	7
Total number of visits	...	...	...	...	2,172	

TABLE XIII

# FACTORIES ACT, 1937 to 1959

Sixty-nine visits were made to factories during the year ; of these sixty-six were to factories in which mechanical power was used.

*Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.*

PREMISES.	NO. ON REGISTER.	INSPEC- TIONS.	NOTICES.	OCCUPIERS PROSECUTED.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	37	3	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	150	66	2	—
TOTALS ... ..	187	69	2	—

*Cases in which defects were found.*

PARTICULARS	NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.				NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH PROSECUTIONS WERE INSTITUTED.
	FOUND.	REMEDIED.	REFERRED.		
			To H.M. INSPECTOR.	By H.M. INSPECTOR.	
Want of cleanliness ...	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation ...	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors ... ..	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences :					
(a) insufficient ... ..	1	1	-	-	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	1	-	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	1	1	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ...	-	4	-	-	-
TOTALS ... ..	3	6	-	-	-

# TABLE XIV

## WATER SUPPLIES

### Water Sampling.

Samples of water were taken each month for bacteriological examination and the following table shows the sources of supply and results of the analyses.

<i>Source of Supply</i>	<i>Samples taken</i>	<i>Satisfactory</i>	<i>Unsatisfactory</i>
Crowborough District Water Company ...	5	5	—
South Eastern Gas Board, East Grinstead	8	8	—
Uckfield Rural District Council ... ..	12	12	—
Weir Wood Water Board ... ..	11	11	—
Springs and Wells ... ..	17	10	7
TOTALS ... ..	53	46	7

In addition to the above samples taken by the Council's officers the under-mentioned suppliers sent regular reports of bacteriological and chemical analyses.

Borough of Royal Tunbridge Wells.  
 South Eastern Gas Board, East Grinstead.  
 East Surrey Water Company.

### Water Main extensions laid by the Council during 1959.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Details</i>	<i>Yards linear</i>
MARESFIELD — UCKFIELD	Link from Maresfield to Uckfield — 6in. main.	2800

TABLE XV

## POSITION RELATING TO PIPED WATER SUPPLY AT 31st DECEMBER, 1959

<i>Statutory Supplier</i>	<i>Parish</i>	<i>Connected to main supply during year</i>	<i>Dwellings on main supply</i>	<i>Estimated number of inhabitants in houses on main supply</i>
UCKFIELD R.D.C. ... ..	Danehill	11	388	1,199
	Fletching	5	215	664
	Framfield	6	513	1,585
	Hartfield	4	568	1,755
	Isfield	2	180	556
	Little Horsted	—	14	43
	Maresfield	10	835	2,580
	Uckfield	16	1,378	4,258
	Withyham	3	*	—
	(Blackham)			
CROWBOROUGH DISTRICT WATER COMPANY	Buxted	8	682	2,107
	Crowborough	44	2,487	7,685
	Frant	1	344	1,063
	Hadlow Down	4	239	739
	Mayfield	12	1,019	3,149
	Rotherfield	10	857	2,648
	Wadhurst	15	1,219	3,767
	Withyham	25	950	2,936
SOUTH EASTERN GAS BOARD, EAST GRINSTEAD	Forest Row	31	924	2,855
BOROUGH OF ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS	Frant	4	*	—

\* Included in the total for Crowborough District Water Company.



TABLE XVI

## FOOD PREMISES

*The following table shows the various types of Food premises within the district*

Bakehouses	...	...	...	11
Butchers' Shops	...	...	...	35
Cakes and Confectionery	...	...	...	38
Greengrocers	...	...	...	29
Grocery and General Provisions	...	...	...	130
Hotels and Licensed premises	...	...	...	97
Restaurants	...	...	...	61
Wet Fish Shops	...	...	...	13
Registered Dairy Premises	...	...	...	24

*Improvements at Food Premises during 1959*

Constant hot water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Sinks provided, renewed or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Wash hand basins provided or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Kitchens, preparing rooms and food stores cleansed and decorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Display counters improved or provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sanitary accommodation improved or increased	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Drainage systems repaired or improved	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

**Food and Drugs Act, 1955. Section 16.**

*The following table shows premises which are registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.*

Cooked Meat premises	...	...	36
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	7
Ice-cream premises (Storage and sale only)	...	...	212

Of fourteen samples of ice-cream taken during the year, the bacteriologist reported thirteen to be satisfactory and one unsatisfactory.

TABLE XVII

FOOD INSPECTION

During the year the following unsound food was voluntarily surrendered to the Public Health Inspectors.

234 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of tinned food	...	...	decomposed
384 lbs. of fish	...	...	decomposed
200 lbs. of meat	...	decomposed or bone taint	
16 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of preserved food	...	...	mouldy
8 $\frac{1}{2}$ pts. of vinegar	...	...	mouldy

Unsound food is buried at Council refuse dumps.

TABLE XVIII

## INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1.	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts) ... ..	484
	(b)	Total number of inspections made for the purpose ... ..	2,106
2.		Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	21
3.		Number of dwelling houses (excluding those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... ..	170

**Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice.**

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its officers ... ..	92
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**Action under Statutory Powers during the year.**

1.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... ..	1
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice :—	
	(i)	By owners ... ..	5
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	2
2.	<i>Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... ..	6
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice :—	
	(i)	By owners (including compliance with notices served prior to 1st January, 1959) ... ..	4
	(ii)	By Local Authority in default of owners ... ..	2
3.	<i>Proceedings under Sections 4 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—</i>		
	(a)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... ..	—
	(b)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... ..	1
	(c)	Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... ..	9
	(d)	Number of dwelling houses rendered fit following undertakings given after service of Notice of Time and Place—Section 16.	26
	(e)	Number of dwelling houses for which undertakings, under Section 16, were given by owners ... ..	19



TABLE XIX

## REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO DWELLING HOUSES

The works of repair and improvement listed below were completed during the past six years :—

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
<i>Internal.</i>						
Damp floors remedied ... ..	42	79	99	117	100	101
Damp walls remedied... ..	53	100	120	169	144	175
Floors relaid or repaired ... ..	66	104	151	210	151	157
Walls repaired or cleansed ... ..	123	233	349	558	336	337
Ceilings repaired or cleansed... ..	86	199	303	407	252	193
Ceiling heights increased ... ..	19	22	38	71	46	55
Lighting improved ... ..	38	76	97	148	89	72
Ventilation improved... ..	41	83	105	196	102	82
Windows repaired or renewed ... ..	77	107	135	250	180	118
Doors repaired or renewed ... ..	29	42	47	82	63	67
Woodwork repaired or renewed ... ..	13	38	19	60	49	15
Flues and fireplaces repaired ... ..	15	28	31	53	36	24
Cooking stoves repaired or provided	25	38	48	55	32	18
Washing coppers repaired or provided	6	3	5	3	—	1
Food stores repaired or provided ... ..	24	42	76	70	39	29
Staircases repaired ... ..	13	31	37	51	30	34
Sinks provided or renewed ... ..	26	47	72	73	61	45
Sink wastes trapped or provided ... ..	15	22	55	71	45	36
Baths and wash basins provided ... ..	17	67	85	91	59	44
Hot water systems provided... ..	21	58	91	86	58	42
Artificial lighting provided ... ..	5	28	37	50	20	13
Fuel stores provided ... ..	4	25	28	51	21	4
<i>External.</i>						
Walls repaired... ..	35	53	67	96	83	67
Roofs repaired... ..	29	51	78	86	74	44
Chimney stacks repaired ... ..	22	50	54	79	52	37
Gutters and downpipes provided or repaired ... ..	35	50	72	89	77	48
Paving provided or repaired... ..	9	40	38	42	22	24
Dustbins provided or renewed ... ..	3	2	5	7	4	1
Accumulations removed ... ..	3	1	4	7	1	4
<i>Drainage.</i>						
New systems provided ... ..	30	45	54	64	32	30
Systems repaired, improved or cleansed	51	56	73	71	49	48
W.C.s provided ... ..	59	79	82	72	55	44
W.C.s repaired, cleansed and flushing apparatus provided ... ..	42	36	22	29	36	12
E.C.s and M.P.s converted to W.C.s.	17	35	13	4	2	1
E.C.s repaired or improved ... ..	—	2	—	7	6	—
<i>Water Supply.</i>						
Main supply provided ... ..	24	8	17	13	11	12
Wells repaired, improved or provided	3	1	3	2	—	1



TABLE XX

HOUSES BUILT DURING 1959

During the year fifteen cottages and four flats were built on behalf of the Council, one hundred and ninety-two houses were completed by private enterprise, and six properties were made available by means of conversion.

The following table shows the parishes where Council houses were completed.

<i>Parish</i>	<i>Type of dwelling</i>	<i>No. of families accommodated</i>	<i>Total families accommodated</i>
BUXTED	2 bedroom cottages	2	2
FOREST ROW	2 bedroom cottages	1	7
	3       "       "	2	
	1       "       flats (Aged Persons)	4	
MARESFIELD	2 bedroom cottages	3	5
	3       "       "	2	
UCKFIELD	2 bedroom cottages	3	5
	3       "       "	2	

15 cottages, 4 flats. Total 19.

Persons accommodated

3 bedroom cottage ...	...	...	5 persons
2 bedroom cottage ...	...	...	4   "
1 bedroom flat       ...	...	...	2   "

Houses Built by Private Enterprise

The Public Health Inspectors continued to inspect all building undertaken by private enterprise, and the following table shows the number of visits made during the year.

FOUNDATIONS ...	...	484
SITE CONCRETE ...	...	236
DAMP PROOF COURSE ...		284
DRAINAGE ...	...	665
OTHER VISITS ...	...	2,177

